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Hasting Regional Center Receives Accreditation

Lincoln—The Hastings Regional Center (HRC) has received accreditation from the Joint Commission, a national organization that evaluates health care entities based on quality standards and measurements. Accreditation is awarded to a health care organization that is in compliance with all Joint Commission standards.

HRC, which provides substance abuse treatment services for youth, is deemed fully accredited for three years for all services surveyed for behavioral health care.

As a facility of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, HRC is licensed as a substance abuse treatment center.

"Achieving accreditation means that HRC provides quality care in all aspects of its programs," said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health. "From patient interactions to infection control and environment, HRC has been determined to comply with or exceed all Joint Commission standards."

Accreditation was based on a two-day survey conducted in October. The surveyors looked at the safety and quality of care provided to patients, the environment of care, emergency management, human resources, infection prevention and control, information management, leadership, life safety, medication management, performance improvement, and records, among other areas.

"HRC's team serves a difficult population of youth, so it is especially meaningful to be recognized as a provider of safe, therapeutic quality care," said Marj Colburn, the facility operating officer.

The role of the Joint Commission is to help facilities continuously provide safe, high-quality care, treatment and services by identifying opportunities for improvement and providing guidance that will help staff continue to improve the facility's performance.

"Accreditation reflects the staff's commitment to quality care for youth served at HRC," said Bill Gibson, the facility's CEO.

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